

# USER MANUAL

## ***EASYPULSEFLOW*** *Conservar/Flowmeter*

**Models: 19MFA Series**



(19MFA1001 Shown)

**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

**⚠ CAUTION**

Federal (USA) law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician.

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## RECEIVING / INSPECTION

Remove the Precision Medical, Inc. *EasyPulseFlow* from the packaging and inspect for damage. If there is any damage, DO NOT USE and contact your Provider.

## INTENDED USE

The *EasyPulseFlow* flowmeter is intended for use by physicians, respiratory therapists, and other hospital personnel to administer selected doses of medical oxygen to patients suffering from hypoxia due to various etiologies and disease processes. The device delivers via nasal cannula a  $\text{FiO}_2$  of 100% oxygen at all settings when connected directly to 100% gas source. It is intended to be used as a device to provide continuous flow oxygen therapy or as an oxygen saving device that delivers pulsed volumes for oxygen therapy while reducing the drying of the patient airways.

## READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING

This manual instructs a user to install and operate the *EasyPulseFlow*. This is provided for your safety and to prevent damage to the *EasyPulseFlow*. If you do not understand this manual, DO NOT USE the *EasyPulseFlow* and contact your Provider.

### DANGER

This product is not intended as a life-sustaining or life-supporting device.

## EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

$\text{FiO}_2$	Fractional Concentration of Inspired Oxygen
DISS	Diameter Indexed Safety System
psi	Pounds Per Square Inch
lpm	Liters Per Minute
bpm	Breathes Per Minute

# SAFETY INFORMATION - WARNINGS AND CAUTIONS

## **DANGER**

Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

## **WARNING**

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

## **CAUTION**

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

## **CAUTION**

Used without the safety alert symbol indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in property damage.



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Symbol for “USE NO OIL”

**CE**  
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Symbol indicates the device complies with the requirements of Directive 93/42/EEC concerning medical devices and all applicable International Standards. **(On CE marked Devices ONLY)**

## **WARNING**

- **ALWAYS** confirm prescribed dose before administering to patient and monitor on a frequent basis.
- Always follow ANSI and CGA standards for Medical Gas Products and Oxygen Handling (G-4).
- NO OXYGEN is delivered when the pointer ▼ is between settings.

## WARNING

- The *EasyPulseFlow* is not to be used in the Pulse mode by patients who breathe through their mouths.
- **DO NOT** use oils, greases, organic lubricants or any combustible materials on or near this product. Wash and dry hands properly prior to usage.
- **DO NOT** use a humidifier when administering Oxygen therapy on pulse settings.
- **DO NOT** use pulse settings while patient is sleeping unless continuous pulse oximetry is utilized.
- **DO NOT** smoke in an area where oxygen is being administered.
- The *EasyPulseFlow* is designed to operate with a single lumen, adult cannula with a maximum length of 7 foot (2.1 m).
- Flowmeter must meet specified inlet pressure range, see “SPECIFICATIONS”.
- To use Pulse, Flow Control Knob must be set to 5 lpm or greater.

## CAUTION

- Only personnel instructed and trained in its use should operate the *EasyPulseFlow*.
- The *EasyPulseFlow* contains magnetic, ferrous material that may affect the results of an MRI.
- **DO NOT** autoclave.
- **DO NOT** gas sterilize with EtO (Ethylene Oxide).
- **DO NOT** clean with aromatic hydrocarbons.
- Avoid dropping the *EasyPulseFlow* or placing it in a position where it could fall and become damaged.
- The *EasyPulseFlow* may not be able to detect all respiratory efforts of the patient. (Shallow breathers may not be able to trigger the *EasyPulseFlow*.)
- Operating the *EasyPulseFlow* outside its range of operating conditions may affect its accuracy and performance.

## PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION

The Precision Medical, Inc. *EasyPulseFlow* is a combination of two (2) devices, a traditional Thorpe tube flowmeter and a pulse oxygen conserver. The *EasyPulseFlow* is designed to be used with low pressure oxygen systems at specified Inlet Pressure. It consists of a back pressure compensated Thorpe tube flowmeter, a conserving module, and a selector dial to choose between Continuous Flow mode or Pulse mode.

In the Continuous Flow mode the flowmeter operates similar to a traditional Thorpe tube flowmeter: the flow is determined by setting the flow control knob to the prescribed flow. In this mode it is capable of delivering metered flows from 0 to 15 lpm and up to 24 lpm at flush flow.

In the Pulse mode the device operates as an oxygen conserver. Settings of 1 through 5 are available and supply a similar  $\text{FIO}_2$  to the patient as continuous flow. The conserving module controls the pulse size and timing to the patient. It supplies a pulse of oxygen at the beginning of each breath. This reduces the oxygen demand on the system and limits the drying of the airways. The oxygen is supplied to the patient through the nasal cannula.

## SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Inlet Pressure Range:</b>	19MFA: 50 psi (3.4 bar) 19MFA AU: 4 bar (58.0 psi) 19MFA CI: 5 bar (72.5 psi)
<b>Pulse Settings:</b>	1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (similar $\text{FIO}_2$ to continuous flow value)
<b>Continuous Flow Range:</b>	0-15 lpm metered (20-24 lpm max flush flow)
<b>Pulse Accuracy:</b>	Within $\pm 15\%$ of the nominal bolus value (at each breath rate)
<b>Continuous Flow Accuracy:</b>	$\pm 0.25$ lpm from 0.5 lpm up to 5 lpm $\pm 0.5$ lpm from 5 lpm up to 15 lpm
<b>Savings Ratio:</b>	Up to 5.7:1

<b>Trigger Method:</b>	Negative inspiratory effort from patient inhalation
<b>Breathing Frequency:</b>	Up to 35 bpm
<b>Cannula Requirement:</b>	Maximum 7 foot (2.1 m) long standard adult single lumen nasal cannula.

The effect on accuracy of flow due to variations in ambient temperature is standard accuracy +7.3% @ 32°F (0°C) and -3.0% @ 104°F (+40°C) . The above flowmeter models are calibrated at specified inlet pressures as stated on Flowtube, 70°F (21°C), standard atmospheric pressure.

### **Operating Conditions:**

<i>Temperature:</i>	35°F to 105°F (1.7°C to 40.6°C)
<i>Altitude:</i>	Sea level to 10,000 ft (0 to 3,048 m)

### **Storage Conditions:**

<i>Temperature:</i>	-40°F to 140°F (-40°C to 60°C)
<i>Maximum Humidity:</i>	95% Noncondensing

## **COMPONENT DESCRIPTION**

### **⚠CAUTION**

Missing or illegible labels must be replaced, contact Precision Medical, Inc.

Reference photo on next page.

## **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **⚠WARNING**

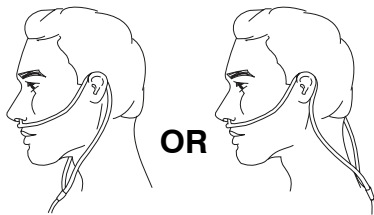
Read this User Manual before installing or operating the *EasyPulseFlow*.

### **CAUTION**

Inspect the *EasyPulseFlow* for visual damage before use, DO NOT USE if damaged.

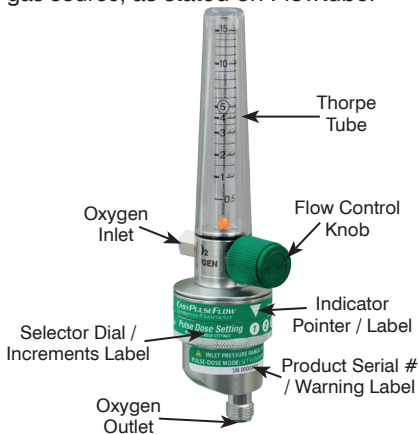
## ⚠CAUTION

- **DO NOT** use pediatric, low flow nasal cannulas or oxygen masks with the *EasyPulseFlow*.
- **DO NOT** block the cannula connection or kink cannula tubing when the Conserver is in use, this may damage the *EasyPulseFlow*.



1. Verify order/need for oxygen administration.
2. Connect flowmeter to oxygen gas source, as stated on Flowtube.
3. Turn Selector Dial to align indicator pointer with Continuous Flow setting.
4. Turn Flow Control Knob to obtain appropriate flow rate.
  - A. To **increase**, turn knob **counterclockwise**
  - B. To **decrease**, turn knob **clockwise**
  - C. Set flow by aligning center of Float Ball with indicator lines on flow tube.
  - D. To obtain maximum flush flow, turn knob fully counterclockwise.

**NOTE:** Flush flow is any flow above the last calibrated line on the Thorpe Flow Tube with an unrestricted flow, as per "SPECIFICATIONS".



5. Connect oxygen administration equipment via DISS connector on bottom of flowmeter.
6. Assess effectiveness of oxygen therapy to the patient with pulse oximetry or arterial blood gas.
7. **If patient is stabilized on nasal cannula at  $\leq 5$  lpm, switch to pulse-dose mode as follows:**
  - A. Remove any type of humidity bottle.
  - B. Turn Flow Control Knob to obtain a flow of 5 lpm or greater.
  - C. Select pulse setting from 1 to 5, by turning the Selector Dial to align Indicator Pointer with pulse setting.

**NOTE:** *DO NOT adjust Flow control knob on flowmeter.*

    - i. Choose pulse setting equal to continuous flow setting (e.g. if patient is on 4 lpm continuous flow choose a pulse setting of 4).
    - ii. If patient is on a  $\frac{1}{2}$  liter increment choose the next closest higher pulse setting (e.g. if patient is on  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lpm place patient on pulse setting of 3).
    - iii. Instruct patient that oxygen will only flow during the first part of inspiration.
    - iv. Assess patient/conserver interaction to assure pulsing is occurring.
  - D. Re-assess patient's oxygenation status via pulse oximetry or arterial blood gas.
8. Amount of oxygen may be weaned either by decreasing the continuous flow rate on the Thorpe tube flowmeter if patient is on continuous flow or by decreasing the pulse of oxygen if on pulse mode.  
(If patient is on pulse mode, oxygen may only be decreased in increments of one (1)).
9. To turn off flowmeter, turn the Flow Control Knob fully clockwise.

**NOTE:** *If nasal cannula is disconnected while on pulse oxygen therapy. (The device should not pulse oxygen into the atmosphere.) Limit of 3 pulses per minute .*



## MAINTENANCE / CLEANING

1. Disconnect all connections before cleaning.

**As needed:**

2. Clean exterior surfaces of the *EasyPulseFlow* with a cloth dampened with mild detergent and water.
3. Wipe dry with a clean cloth.
4. Store the *EasyPulseFlow* in a clean area free of grease, oil, and other sources of contamination.

### CAUTION

- **DO NOT** use cleaning solutions.
- **DO NOT** immerse the *EasyPulseFlow* in any kind of liquid.
- **DO NOT** attempt to repair the *EasyPulseFlow*.
- All repairs must be performed by Precision Medical, Inc. or Authorized Representative.

## RETURNS

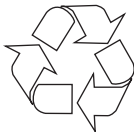
Returned products require a Returned Goods Authorization (RGA) number, contact Precision Medical, Inc. All returns must be packaged in sealed containers to prevent damage. Precision Medical, Inc. will not be responsible for goods damaged in transit. Refer to Precision Medical, Inc. Return Policy available on the Internet, [www.precisionmedical.com](http://www.precisionmedical.com).

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## DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

This device and its packaging contain no hazardous materials. No special precautions need to be taken when disposing the device and/or its packaging.

**Please Recycle**



# TROUBLESHOOTING

If the *EasyPulseFlow* fails to function, consult the Troubleshooting Guide below. If problem cannot be solved, consult your Provider.

Problem	Probable Cause	Remedy
<b>No flow/ pulse</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flowmeter not securely attached to oxygen outlet</li><li>• Thorpe tube flowmeter not turned ON</li><li>• Selector Dial set between settings</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Securely attach flowmeter to oxygen outlet</li><li>• Turn ON the Thorpe tube flowmeter using Flow Control Knob</li><li>• Position Selector Dial at correct setting</li></ul>
<b>Conservor not sensing breath</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Selector Dial set between settings</li><li>• Cannula disconnected</li><li>• Nasal cannula kinked</li><li>• Humidity bottle in line</li><li>• Cannula greater than 7 ft long</li><li>• High flow cannula not being used</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Position Selector Dial at correct setting</li><li>• Connect cannula</li><li>• Replace cannula</li><li>• Remove humidity bottle</li><li>• ONLY use a 7 ft or less cannula</li><li>• Replace cannula with a <i>high flow</i> cannula</li></ul>
<b>Patient de-saturated in pulse mode</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flowmeter set below 5 lpm in pulse mode</li><li>• Device not sensing patient breath</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase flow <math>\geq 5</math> lpm</li><li>• Change to continuous flow therapy</li></ul>

## **LIMITED WARRANTY AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

Precision Medical, Inc. warrants that the *EasyPulseFlow* (the Product) will be free of defects in workmanship and/or material for the following periods:

Two (2) years from date of shipment.

Should any failure to conform to this warranty appear within the applicable period, Precision Medical, Inc. shall, upon written notification thereof and substantiation that the goods have been stored, installed, maintained and operated in accordance with Precision Medical, Inc.'s instructions and standard industry practice, and that no modifications, substitutions, or alterations have been made to the goods, correct such defect by suitable repair or replacement at its own expense.

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# DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

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Model(s): 19MFA Series

MDD Class: IIb

Classification criteria: Clause 3.2 Rule 11 of Annex IX of MDD

As delivered, the object of the declaration described above is in conformity with the requirements of MDD 93/42/EEC Annex II.3, Directive 2007/47/EC of the European Parliament and the following documents:

*EN 980, EN 1041, ISO 14971, ISO 15001, ISO 15002, ISO 18779*

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